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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/52/340/Add.1) [8].

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Uzbekistan

   Central African Republic

(continued overleaf)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

Seychelles

Equatorial Guinea

Kyrgyzstan

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Rialuth Serge Vohor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu

Bahamas

3 p.m. 28th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Papua New Guinea

Mauritania

Eritrea

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Saudi Arabia

Kenya

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

   Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities (A/C.5/51/53, A/52/7 and A/52/16)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

   Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits (A/51/903, A/51/967 and Corr.1, A/52/369 and A/52/410)

   Conclusion of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work

2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148] (A/52/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Announcements

Advance unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Funding modalities of operational activities as requested by the Economic and Social Council" will be available for pick-up from room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 7 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: COORDINATING BUREAU

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	29th PLENARY MEETING	Conference Room 4

United Nations reform: measures and proposals: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/303 and Corr.1 (French only)) [157].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its 2nd meeting to consider the organization of work. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 162nd (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will take place on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing in Conference Room 7 immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the same room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

8 October 1997:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development: Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.19, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.3)

December 1997:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the high-level and coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] (E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/1/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC 2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the reports of the Executive Board field visits to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba (DP/1997/CRP.24) and to Kyrgyzstan and Latvia (DP/1997/CRP.26) on Thursday, 9 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Workshop on the art of public speaking and managing meetings (chairing and participating) for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held from Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October 1997.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 24 September 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will resume on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 12.30 p.m. in room S-226.

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A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 October 1997

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
FORUM ON FORESTS
Organizational session — 5th meeting

Election of officers [1]

The Forum elected, by acclamation, Ms. Micha Torres (Peru) as Vice-Chairperson of the organizational session.

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session [6]

The Forum began its consideration of the draft report contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/L.1 and in an informal paper.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia, the United States, the Philippines, Brazil, Colombia, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Papua New Guinea, Venezuela, India, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Peru.

Statements were also made by the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Malaysia and Ecuador.

The representative of FAO also made a statement.

6th meeting

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session [6]

The Forum continued its consideration of the draft report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Switzerland, Venezuela, Australia, the United States and Canada.

Statements were also made by the observers for the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand and Costa Rica.

The meeting was then suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Philippines, Australia, Venezuela, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, India, Canada, Japan, China, Indonesia and Switzerland, as well as by the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, Nigeria and Malaysia.

The Secretary read out a statement prepared by the Budget Division.

The Forum then adopted the substantive part of the draft report contained in an informal paper and the procedural part of the report contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/L.1.

Statements were made by the two Co-Chairpersons.

The first session of the Forum was then declared closed.

Monday, 6 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

25th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.2) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Chad had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Address by H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Minister for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino, H.E. Mr. Eldar Kouliev, Chairman of the Delegation of Azerbaijan, Her Excellency The Honourable Billie Miller, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and International Transport of Barbados, H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Delegation of Djibouti, H.E. Mr. Shukheriin Altangerel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, and H.E. Mr. Omar Yusupha Njie, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia.

26th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Fernando Delfim da Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau, H.E. Mr. Dawa Tsering, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Errol Glenn Snijders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Suriname, H.E. The Honourable Lieutenant General Mompati S. Merafhe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana, and H.E. The Honourable Raphael Fletcher, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Legal Affairs and Local Government of Grenada.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Poland, Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 3rd meeting

Election of Rapporteur

In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Ms. Riitta Resch (Finland) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

The representative of Finland made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/52/23 (Parts II to VI).

The Chairman (Papua New Guinea) of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Uruguay and Grenada (on behalf of CARICOM).

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eight communications containing requests for hearing, seven relating to Guam (A/C.4/52/2 and Add.1 to 5), and one relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/52/4), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of five (5) more communications containing requests for hearing relating to Guam, Western Sahara and the Non-Self-Governing Territories, under agenda item 18, which the Committee decided to circulate as Committee documents.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, Indonesia, the United States, Ghana, Bangladesh, Belgium, Nepal, Mexico and the Netherlands.

The Deputy Director for the Peacekeeping Financing Division responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 would be Monday, 20 October 1997.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work [1]

The Committee elected Mr. Craig J. Daniell (South Africa) as one of its Vice-Chairmen.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148]

The Chairman of UNCITRAL, Mr. Joseph Bossa (Uganda), introduced the report.

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, India, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic States), Malaysia, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Italy, Slovakia, Hungary and France.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1997

418th and 419th meetings

General discussion on "The rights of children with disabilities" [6]

The Committee considered the item in presence of the representatives of States parties, United Nations bodies and agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other competent bodies and individuals.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Grains Agreement, 1995

(a) Grains Trade Convention, 1995, concluded at London on 7 December 1994

Ratification: Norway (6 October 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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